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July 29, 2008

By Fax

RE:

Countinho & Ferrostaal, Inc. v. M/V NEW CONCORD, et al. 08 CV 5257 (SAS)(DF) Our Ref: FS 7992

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

We represent the plaintiff herein. We write to respectfully request an adjournment of the initial pretrial conference scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2008, at 4:30 P.M. This is the first request for an adjournment.

This action is a maritime cargo insurance claim that was filed on June 9, 2008, and an amended complaint was filed on July 21, 2008. The defendant has been served in New Jersey and they have expressed an interest in exploring settlement so that they do not need to appoint a lawyer which would increase their costs.

Thus, to allow the parties to explore settlement without the need for judicial intervention, we respectfully request a 60 day adjournment of the initial case management conference at a time convenient for the Court.

Thank you.

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Respectfully.

granted. The conference at 3:00 ORDERED

A. Schendlin, USDJ